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In re Patent Application of:

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For: LAYER ARRANGED ON IMPLANT FOR BONE OR TISSUE STRUCTURE, SUCH AN

IMPLANT, AND A METHOD FOR APPLICATION OF THE LAYER

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 mailed March 5, 2008 in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application, the Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.